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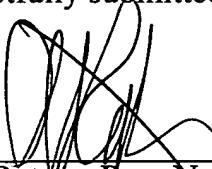
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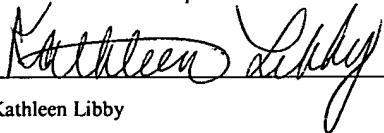
  
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		1	Japanese search report for PCT/JP01/02456 dated June 28, 2001
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